

Exceptional Pupils Ages 3-21 Endorsement for Teaching Autism

To qualify for the autism endorsement, a person *must*:

1. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in the education of pupils who have autism and have completed 8 semester credits of student teaching, equivalent field experience, **OR** 1 year of verifiable teaching experience in autism; **OR**
2. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree; **AND**
 - A. Have completed 8 semester credits of student teaching of pupils who have autism, equivalent field experience with such pupils or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; **AND**
 - B. Have completed 30 semester credits of course work to include each of the following areas:
 - I. Introduction to special education or the education of pupils who have disabilities
 - II. The characteristics of pupils who have autism
 - III. The assessment of pupils who have disabilities
 - IV. Behavior management
 - V. Parental involvement in programs for pupils
 - VI. Curriculum development or methods and strategies for teaching pupils who have autism
 - VII. Speech and language development
 - VIII. Education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to placement in additional educational programs, employment and living independently as an adult
 - IX. Assistive technology or augmentative alternative communication; **AND**
 - X. Methods of teaching mathematics and methods of teaching literacy



The Option Program

The Option Program is a way an employer can fill high-need areas. The Option Program is an agreement between you and your employer and is **not** coordinated through the Office of Teacher Licensure. Your employer will provide written documentation to you if you are placed on the Option Program. While on the program, you will be required to complete the appropriate course work **and meet the requirements for the full endorsement** in the time prescribed by your employer but no longer than **3 years** from the date that you are placed on the program. The endorsement is not reflected on your license while you are on the program. At the end of the Option Program, you must submit the additional endorsement application and fee to our office in order to add the endorsement to your license

The minimum requirements for the Adapted Physical Education Option Program are:

Hold a Nevada elementary, middle school/junior high or secondary license or a special education license or have a Bachelor's or Master's degree with a conferred major or minor in Special Education. Additionally, you must have completed 6 semester credits of course work listed above from 4(B).